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Dear [redacted]

A much belated follow up to our discussion last fall about CIA and the CMC internship program. I have discussed the CMC program with CIA's Coordinator for Student Programs, after allowing him time to review the material which you provided me. While I believe CMC interns could make useful contributions and enjoy rewarding "tours of duty" here, the bureaucratic obstacles are too great. Due to the nature of our work and the highly classified information involved, an intern, like any prospective employee, would be required to undergo an extensive and costly security investigation. Frankly, the Agency is not ready, at this point, to make that kind of investment.

On the brighter side, I have asked that you receive all announcements and details regarding the Agency's summer internship program. This program is geared to graduate students and graduating seniors who will go on to graduate studies in the fall. It is set up much like CMC's program, and I would encourage any CMC senior who has commitments for graduate study to apply. Summer interns are integrated into analytic offices within CIA. Each works on an individual research project over the summer, which usually results in a published paper which is widely disseminated in the intelligence and policy communities. The program thus offers not only a unique opportunity to view the workings of the federal bureaucracy but also the chance to make important contributions.

Should you identify promising candidates, I would be more than happy to provide whatever assistance I can at this end.

Sincerely,

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